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Statement from Majority Leader Ray Rodrigues on the Eighth Week of Session

Tallahassee, FL—Majority Leader Ray Rodrigues released the following statement.

“Time is running out in the 2017 legislative session, and your Majority Caucus is working hard right up to the finish line. This week, the Florida House addressed abuses involving assignment of benefits related to residential property claims (AOB) by passing HB 1421. This bill protects consumers and will help reduce premiums for property owners. We also voted to reform community redevelopment agencies, because any government program that uses taxpayer money should be held to the highest standards. That is why we also passed a bill on how state agencies and judiciary branch employees can be reimbursed for travel expenses.

Florida’s 1.5 million veterans will now have a uniform veteran identification card that can be used as proof of military service for the purpose of obtaining discounts at stores or waivers from various license and registration fees. Florida should do everything in its power to honor its veterans, and the passage of this bill will allow them to easily prove their veteran status and enjoy the benefits they deserve.

While we heard and voted on a long list of bills to improve how well the government works for Floridians, one of the most significant was a proposed constitutional amendment that will add an additional \$25,000 to the homestead tax exemption. We also voted to cut taxes for students, parents, veterans, homeowners, job creators, job seekers, farmers, and others. I’m proud of all the work the Majority Caucus did this week and look forward to seeing it through to the end.”

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